

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 9TH JANUARY 2019 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : Whitnash Town Council

Description of scheme: The project is to install a height restrictor barrier to prevent further traveller encampments on Washbourne Playing Fields; traveller encampments are costly and labour intensive to clear up the mess and destruction caused, additionally there has been damage to play equipment. The project will therefore help to ensure that this community facility remains available for use all year round.

Evidence of need: The need has been visibly obvious after previous traveller encampments. Whitnash Town Council have also had numerous requests from local residents to make Washbourne Playing Fields more secure to deter further traveller encampments; when they occur it prevents the local community access to the park and play area and also increases anti-social behaviour.

3 years accounts received? 3 years accounts for 2014/15 to 2016/17 have been received along with a bank statement summarising all accounts held dated 6th September 2018

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/15
	£31,265	£16,906	£46,276
Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31/03/17	31/03/16	31/03/15
	£233,184	£206,955	£186,403

Details of membership, fees etc: Not applicable - Town Council

Details of usage: Washbourne Playing Fields provides recreation facilities for the whole community; the play area is used every day by children, parents, grandparents, carers. Whitnash Town Council estimate approx. 200 people use the area most days. The play area has recently been refurbished and has become even more popular especially with young people.

Details of Organisations equalities policies: Whitnash Town Council is a local authority subject to statutory duties applicable to a public body and subject to the Equality Act 2010, but as a public authority it has additional obligations in the 2010 Act. It must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and harassment, victimisation and to advance equality of opportunity in the exercise of its functions. A local council is also a public authority for the purposes of the Human Rights Act. There is also a "policy statement of equal opportunities" in place, a highlight from this is; any discrimination, victimisation or harassment in the workplace, or any other action that affects the dignity of our employees, customers, suppliers and visitors is totally unacceptable and will be investigated.

3 quotes provided: Yes

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met? **Evidence**

Reduce anti-social behaviour Play areas provide physical activity and act as a focal point for children to congregate and socialise which helps to reduce anti-social behaviour. Previous traveller encampments have prevented the community from using the play area and can also create anti-social behaviour. The project will deliver a height restrictor which will help to reduce the risk of traveller incursions and enable the community continued use of the facility.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children The play area provides physical activity for children which helps to reduce obesity. Previous traveller encampments have prevented the community from using the play area which reduces opportunity for physical activity, the project will deliver a height restrictor which will help to reduce the risk of traveller incursions and enable the community continued use of the facility.

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities Previous traveller encampments have prevented the community from using the play area which reduces opportunity to enjoy and participate in physical activity, the project will deliver a height restrictor which will help to reduce the risk of traveller incursions and therefore maintain continued ongoing use of the facility.

Engaging and strengthening communities The play area enables social interaction for children and for adults which helps to engage and strengthen the community. Traveller incursions prevent use of the facility and can also increase anti-social behaviour which disengages and weakens the community, the project will deliver a height restrictor which will help to reduce the risk of traveller incursions and therefore maintain continued ongoing use of the facility.

Total cost of scheme (excluding VAT) 1,841 VAT will be claimed back, therefore award is excluding VAT; will initially be paid from cash reserves, these funds have been evidenced through their annual accounts and the provision of a recent bank statement

Funded by: **Status**
Organisations Own Funds £368 These funds have been evidenced through their annual accounts and the provision of a recent bank statement

Total RUCIS **£1,473**

equates to **80.0%**